

Brief Telegrams

The prohibitionists of South Dakota have named a state ticket, headed by W. J. Edgar of Brookings for governor.

John L. Willis, 19 years of age, of Toronto, Canada, was arrested on the Eads bridge at St. Louis as he was about to spring into the river.

Advices from Constantinople to the Turkish embassy at St. Petersburg say the troubles in Armenia have ceased and that absolute tranquillity prevails.

The president has appointed Post Quartermaster Sergeant Ernest Flacker, stationed at Fort Sill, I. T., a second lieutenant in the Philippine scouts.

Thomas C. Dawson, who for seven years has been secretary of the legation at Rio de Janeiro, has just been appointed United States minister to San Domingo.

Charles L. Tucker of Auburndale, Mass. was indicted by the Middlesex grand jury on the charge of murdering Miss Mabel Page at her home in Weston March 31.

Prohibitionists of Pennsylvania in state convention passed a resolution eulogizing General Miles and stating that the party would be honored in having him as their leader.

J. P. Morgan & Co. confirm the report that they, as syndicate bankers, have completed the sale of about \$12,000,000 of bonds for the Terminal Railroad association of St. Louis.

Populists of Oklahoma elected an instructed delegation to the national convention to be held at Springfield, Ill., July 4. The delegation is supposed to be opposed to national fusion.

The protective bureau of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association during the past year took part in 287 elections where the local option of other liquor issues were involved.

Antonio Sperano, a life prisoner at the Connecticut state penitentiary, who on Monday last was granted a conditional release by the board of pardons, has declined to accept the release.

The London Daily Telegraph has a dispatch from Tien Tsin that Louis Etzel, who was killed by Chinese while acting as a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, was buried at New Chwang.

The questions pending between Brazil and Peru now seem to be in a fair way to a peaceful settlement. It is reported that a joint administration will be established in the disputed Acre territory.

The report of the Congressional Educational society shows two new colleges instituted, one at Redfield, S. D., and the other, French-American, at Springfield, Mass. Twenty academies were helped financially.

It is understood in Brussels that the Congo State government considers the British proposal of a special commission to inquire into its administration as unacceptable and contrary to its dignity and independence.

United States Consul Lee at Panama has cabled the state department that the government of Panama has consented to suspend action upon the pending coinage legislation until a conference is held in Washington.

President Capen of Tufts college announces that the honorary degree of LL. D. will be conferred on Secretary of the Navy William H. Moody and Mrs. Julia Ward Howe at the forty-eighth annual commencement.

Coal is dearer in South Africa than in any other part of the world. It is cheapest in China.

Archduke Frederick of Austria arrived in London. He is the bearer of the field marshal's baton bestowed by Emperor Francis Joseph on King Edward.

S. M. Wanamaker a leading merchant of Philadelphia and brother of the former postmaster general, died last week of heart disease.

The White Star, Dominion and Alen lines have decided to cut steerage rates from Liverpool and Glasgow to American and Canadian ports to \$15.

The American Bridge company of Pittsburgh, Pa., accepted a contract for 2,000 tons of structural steel at the lowest price ever given. The contract is for the steel framework of the Missouri Pacific shops at Sedalia, Mo.

Thomas F. Kennedy, alias William H. Warren, whom the police allege is a member of the famous Knox-Whitman band of forgers, was arrested in New York on a charge of forgery, preferred by the American Banking association. The prisoner is charged with having raised a draft of \$10 to \$10,000.

In the United States district court at Boston, Atherton N. Hunt was appointed trustee in bankruptcy of the Dr. Green Nervura company.

At the thirty-second commencement of the Kansas university at Lawrence degrees were conferred and diplomas granted to 201 students.

There is trouble over the new twoshilling English coin. As it shows Britannia she has only one foot.

Former Cotton King Price has announced that he will pay his debts. Being not legally responsible, his promise is creating comment.

BATTLE ON WATER

SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE OFF PORT ARTHUR.

RUMORS ARE NOT CONFIRMED

A Flanking Movement of the Japanese Near Feng Chang Weng—Russians Bury the Dead in the Battle of Nan Shan.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Rumors are circulating here that a great naval battle has taken place off Port Arthur, in which two Russian and four Japanese battleships were sunk. No confirmation of the rumor can be obtained.

TOKIO.—Rear Admiral Togo reports that on Tuesday a part of the fleet bombarded the west coast of the Liao Tung peninsula, near Kai Chau, and drove back a military train that was approaching southward. No trains have been seen since. The enemy was driving in troops and throwing up works, evidently expecting a landing of the Japanese at that point, and making all preparations to prevent it.

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HAI CHENG, Manchuria.—A flanking movement of the Japanese around the Russian left from Feng Wang Cheng June 9 was repulsed with a loss of two battalions.

A large Japanese force moved out in the morning along the Feng Wang Cheng and Hai Chang road. The Russians had a force strongly posted in a ravine thirty miles southeast of Hai Cheng. The Japanese were preceded by two battalions, who walked into the Russian ambush. They received a murderous rifle and artillery fire at close range and were wiped out, only one or two escaping. The main Japanese force tried to outflank the Russians, who drew off without losing a man. The Japanese closing in, found the ravine vacant, save for their own dead.

TOKIO.—The military commission assigned to bury the Russian dead in the battle of Nan Shan hill, at Kin Chou, May 26, presented its final report today. It was found that 10 Russian officers and 664 men who fell in the battle had been carefully buried and 30 men were buried by the outposts, making the total number of killed left behind by the Russians 704.

GET READY FOR CONVENTION.

Advance Guard of Republican Committee Arrives at Chicago.

CHICAGO.—The vanguard of the republican national committee reached Chicago Sunday. Senator Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia and Governor Franklin Murphy of New Jersey were the first arrivals. The chairman, Postmaster General Henry C. Payne, is on the way from Washington and will reach Chicago tomorrow afternoon with several other committeemen. When Senator Scott went to the Coliseum he expressed himself as agreeably surprised to find everything in the hall practically finished and ready for the opening session.

Among other members of the national committee who will arrive Monday are Povel Clayton of Arkansas, minister to Mexico; J. Edward Adickes of Delaware, John W. Yerkes of Kentucky, L. McComas of Maryland, J. H. Gallinger of New Hampshire and Myron T. Merrick of Ohio.

PLAN CO-OPERATIVE MINING.

Union Men May Open a Camp in New Mexico.

DENVER, Colo.—A new mining camp will be opened in New Mexico, according to the Post, to receive the deported union miners from Cripple Creek. The Western Federation of Miners will work the claims on a co-operative basis and will have entire jurisdiction over their development. Provisions will be made by the federation for all deported miners, and to this end a carload of supplies will be sent to the new camp immediately as a starter. The camp will be located near Tres Piedras, which is twenty miles south of the Colorado line, on the line of the Denver & Rio Grande. There is a district ten miles square of virgin ore, and the work of mining it will be parceled out to the union miners. They will work on the co-operative plan, but the miners will be supported by the federation while prospecting.

Cockrell's Injuries Not Serious.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Cockrell of Missouri, who was painfully injured Saturday by being knocked down by a boy with a bicycle, is considerably improved. The wound in the shoulder was painful, but it is thought it will readily yield to treatment. The senator is of robust physical condition and fortunately suffered no shock to his nervous system as a result of the accident. His pulse was normal Sunday and he was able to receive most of the many friends who called on him.

They're Not Train Robbers.

PUEBLO Colo.—J. H. Ross and William Stubbs, railroad section laborers supposed to have been in the party which held up the Denver & Rio Grande train several days ago near Glenwood Springs, are in Pueblo. Ross was supposed to be the robber who killed himself after he had been wounded by the pursuing posse. The police investigated and found that Ross and Stubbs were in Pueblo the night of the crime, having left the grading camp where they were working two days before the holdup.

CAN'T TRUST HER SOLDIERS.

Korea Fears if Men Are Armed They Will Become Bandits.

SEOUL.—Telegraphic communication has been re-established with Ham Heung, on the east coast.

The Korean war ministry recommends distribution of 2,500 Korean soldiers in various positions, 50 to 300 each, along the Tumen river and Great South road, in several important inner towns and at Ham Heung, to prevent future Russian raids.

The step has not yet been agreed on, as the policy is questionable in view of the probability of the majority of such a force deserting with their rifles, turning bandits and robbing the country folk rather than oppose the Russians.

A number of women and children from Gensan have followed the foreigners to the Mountain monastery, twenty miles from Gensan, where the latter have sought refuge. Other fugitive women and children from Gensan, numbering sixty-five persons, have arrived at Fusan, on their way to Japan.

OREGON IS STILL REPUBLICAN.

Herman and Williams Re-Elected to Congress.

PORTLAND, Ore.—At 9 o'clock Monday it is conceded that the republicans have elected their congressional candidates by heavy majorities. Congressman Binger Herman of Roseburg, the republican candidate, has probably carried the district over R. M. Veaten, democrat, by from 5,000 to 7,000. John H. Williamson of Pineville, the republican candidate in the Second district, will carry the district by probably 10,000 over J. E. Simmons, democrat. Frank C. Baker, chairman of the state republican committee, said:

"I predict that Herrmann's majority will be 7,500 and Williamson's 10,000. Judge Frank A. Moore, the republican candidate for state supreme judge, will receive a majority of 20,000."

RUSSIA HAS RUMOR OF DEAL.

A Newspaper Says United States Would Sell Philippines to Japan.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The Novoe Vremya discusses quite seriously the report that the United States intends to cede the Philippines to Japan and argues that the far-seeing Yankee, anticipating the inevitable future conflict with Japan, prefers to sell the islands instead of defending them, having thereby learned Russia's lesson of the present war, namely, the difficulty of holding territory so far from the base. The paper adds: "Europe certainly was not pleased at the exchange of Spanish for American domination in the Philippines, but the latter is a thousand times more agreeable than to see Japan installed there, where it would be a constant menace to Europe's Asiatic interests. England will have to look well to its position in India, France to Indo-China and even Holland to Java. The only consolation is that the cession may keep Japan quiet for a number of years."

DRIVES BACK MILITARY TRAIN.

Japs Bombard Russians on West Coast of Liao Tung.

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All Quiet at Cripple Creek.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo.—The Cripple Creek district experienced a quiet day Sunday. General Bell and staff attended church and transacted no business except what was absolutely necessary. Another party of deported miners will leave Victor tomorrow, their destination being either New Mexico or Mexico. This party will consist of about 100 men. A number of arrests were made Sunday and the peace commission sat for a few hours and passed on several cases. The saloons open Monday.

Parker Leads in Mississippi.

JACKSON, Miss.—The democratic state convention to name delegates to the national convention at St. Louis meets here ednesday. There are 268 votes in the state convention and the indications tonight are that Parker will come to the convention with a majority of the vote instructed for him. One hundred and thirty-five is a majority, and he has 127 instructed votes with half a dozen more counties yet to act. John Sharp Williams will likely be the permanent chairman of the convention.

To Extend Road to Pacific.

MEXICO CITY.—If the plans of the Chihuahua & Pacific railroad are not impossible of completion by reason of the ruggedness of the country from the Sierra Madre to the Pacific coast the road will be extended to the west coast in the direction northeast from Guereiro, Chihuahua and crossing the great divide at Temosacac. This statement is authorized by William K. Ryan of the New York firm of Ryan & Dudley, who are building the extension from Minaca to Temosacac.

FIFTY YEARS OLD

HALF CENTURY LIVED OVER AGAIN BY PIONEERS.

NEBRASKA'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL

Golden Jubilee of Organization of Territory is Made Memorable Event—An Outpouring of Venerable Residents Showing Interest They Felt.

OMAHA.—The splendor of the present; the wilderness that was; and how and why. For the contemplation of which was the semi-centennial.

The people of Nebraska in Omaha commemorated the approval of President Pierce May 30, 1854, of the Nebraska-Kansas bill which permitted the organization of the territory of Nebraska.

A beneficent providence forbade the rain that fell slightly in the morning and the remainder of the day was so fair in character as to induce thousands to view the parade down town and pack the huge Auditorium to its last seat.

The celebration was everything the name implies and was divided into three distinct phases. First, in pagantry and display by the grand civic and military parade; in thoughtful consideration of the circumstances combining to make the state, its present and its future, by the meeting in the Auditorium, at which Henry D. Estabrook delivered a brilliant address; and third, in reminiscence and good fellowship by an informal old settlers' reunion at the Orpheum theater in the evening, at which nine of the oldest and most prominent citizens told of the events that shaped the commonwealth.

The outpouring of venerable residents who came to Nebraska and Omaha in the early days was especially remarkable and indicated the deep interest felt in the affair. The men and women classed as pioneers were too many for the sixty carriages that had been provided and the many private conveyances, and some difficulty was encountered in giving all of them an opportunity to ride in the parade. At the Auditorium more than 6,000 people of all ages and conditions—probably one of the most truly representative and cosmopolitan groups that ever assembled in Omaha—proved that the great building is none too commodious in its present unfinished condition.

The commemoration did not begin until afternoon and from 12 o'clock on the day was given up entirely to the occasion, all public buildings and many private ones being closed. The throngs that congregated down town to view the parades have been equaled only by some of the Ak-Sar-Ben congregations, when thousands of visitors were in the city. For a celebration of the kind the parade was uncommonly fine.

Most marked of all the feelings expressed and felt was that of deep wonder over what had been accomplished in Nebraska in fifty years;—early self-congratulation upon the condition of the present and earnest faith in the future. This was the spirit that predominated the gatherings. It was a truly happy celebration, without tumult, but with many happy smiles and frequent handclaps betokening feelings of brotherhood and awakening old memories and associations.

Dr. George L. Miller, president of the day, presided over the exercises in the Auditorium and made brief introductory remarks. Governor Mickey also spoke briefly. Bishop A. L. Williams, bishop of the diocese of Nebraska, offered the invocation.

DEATH OF CATTLEMAN DEWEY.

Owner of Dewey Ranch in Kansas and Multi-Millionaire.

TOPEKA, Kas.—Word has reached this city this morning of the death of C. P. Dewey of Manhattan, in Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Dewey is rated as a two time millionaire. He has extensive iron mine interests in West Virginia, ice and rental incomes in Chicago, a 100,000 acre ranch in Rawlins county, Kansas, and over 11,000 acres in Riley and Geary counties in this state.

In Manhattan he owned much town property, including the electric light plant and the telephone system. Another enterprise of Mr. Dewey's is the Beach hotel at Eureka. He came to Kansas twenty years ago from Chicago. He leaves a wife and son, Chauncey Dewey, who was recently tried and acquitted, with two of his cowboys, on the charge of killing the Berrys.

To Fill Quay's Shoes.

PHILADELPHIA.—Philander C. Knox of Pittsburgh, attorney general of the United States, was selected Thursday to fill the seat in the United States senate made vacant by the death of Matthew Stanley Quay. He will accept and serve by appointment of Governor Pennypacker until March 4, the date of the expiration of the late senator's commission.

Russian Gunboat Is Sunk.

TOKIO.—The destroyer flotilla engaged in watching Port Arthur from the eastward reports that at 7:40 p. m. on June 4 a Russian gunboat of the Giliak type was seen to explode and sink near Chentao Shan. The vessel, with another gunboat, a destroyer and other steamers, was evidently engaged in clearing the vicinity of mines. When the explosion occurred the others hurried back into Port Arthur. Vice Admiral Togo expresses the opinion that the explosion was caused by a Japanese torpedo.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND. THE STATE AT LARGE

The Question Can Only Be Settled by the Murderer Barker.

LINCOLN.—Murderer Barker, calmly awaiting death in his prison cell at the Nebraska penitentiary, has it within his power to determine the ownership of the estate formerly belonging to his brother at Inavale. He has made a statement asserting that Alice Barker was the first to die. Barker, the brother, was twice shot, but lived twenty minutes. To a World-Herald reporter the murderer described his crime as follows:

"It was drug store whisky that killed my brother and his wife. On the Friday before the crime I was working on the ice, and, not feeling very well, purchased a quart of whisky at an Inavale drug store. I took a drink of it and the effect was very strange, making me lose possession of my faculties. That night I slept well, but didn't feel very good on Saturday, and took some more of the liquor. On Sunday evening, while returning home, I stopped at father's and ate a lunch. As I ate my mother and I talked. After finishing the lunch I got in the rig and drove on home. On the way I took several more drinks. I remember putting up the horse and going to the house. Dan arose to let me in and I shot him, once in here (pointing to his abdomen) and once through here (pointing to his breast). Then Alice awoke and I shot her here (indicating the right side of the head). I don't know what I was doing. The whisky must have been drugged."

Heirs of Barker claim the land on the theory of his prior death, while relatives of Mrs. Barker insist she was a widow and inherited the property before she was killed.

FOR BOOTLEGGING.

Young Man Arrested at Humboldt for This Offense.

HUMBOLDT.—Sheriff G. R. Martin came down from Pawnee City and placed under arrest Nick Beutler, a well-known Humboldt young man, on a charge of bootlegging at Table Rock some months ago. The warrant was issued from the court of Justice Marble shortly after the offense is alleged to have been committed, but in some manner the offender seems to have been given a tip and made himself scarce. He is thought to have been in Missouri, but on Sunday afternoon drifted into town and was able to stay here but slightly over twenty-four hours, when Pawnee county officials were notified and the officer came and arrested him.

FATAL ENDING TO RUNAWAY.

Rudolph Oppliger Killed in Columbus Township.

COLUMBUS.—Rudolph Oppliger, a well-to-do German farmer living in Columbus township, was almost instantly killed in a runaway accident. He was returning home about 7 o'clock with a load of lumber, and while on the Loup river wagon bridge his team became unmanageable and ran away, throwing him out. For a distance he rode upon the double trees and then fell off and a wheel ran over him, breaking his neck. The team ran on home, only a couple of miles away, and his son retraced the course of the wagon and found the lifeless remains lying near to the south approach of the bridge.

Boy Drowns While Swimming.

AINSWORTH.—Frank Clapper, a 15-year-old son of a prominent ranchman living southwest of this place, was drowned in the presence of companions while endeavoring to swim across Clear lake.

Didn't Believe in Banks.

PLATTSMOUTH.—Joseph Bila, an eleven-year-old boy, was arrested on the charge of stealing the sum of \$350 from an aged woman named Mrs. Mary Ptak, being her savings for many years. The money was stolen from the cellar of the Ptak home, where it had been secreted.

Bitten by a Rattler.

TECUMSEH.—Miss Anna Michael, a domestic in the family of T. H. McClure, a few miles southeast of this city, was bitten by a rattlesnake one day recently. She promptly recovered from the effects of the poisoning.

Fill Irrigation Ditches.

Secretary Dobson of the state board of irrigation has received information that the rains in the northwest sections of the state have completely filled the irrigation ditches and most of them are overflowing.

Fatally Injured by Train.

BEATRICE.—Mrs. Christina Kalowski, an aged woman, was struck by north-bound Burlington passenger train No. 90 near Hoag this afternoon and fatally injured.

Warns Soldiers and Sailors.

WASHINGTON.—The general land office continues to perfect arrangements for opening the Rosebud country and it was announced that blank forms for use of soldiers and sailors who may desire to employ an agent to make re-entrance for them have been received from the government printing office and are now ready for distribution. These forms may be obtained on application to the commissioner of the general land office at Washington.

Omaha's Auditorium was opened on the 7th with a grand ball.

A party of five Humboldt people left last week for a visit of three months on English soil. John Holman and wife, their son and daughter, James and Nellie, and Mrs. George Cliff comprise the party.

District court was held at Mullen last week. Theodore Roggensheim, who was accused a stealing a cow from Fuller Bros. and butchering it, was found guilty and sentenced to thirteen months in the penitentiary.

The business men of Broken Bow held a meeting and decided to celebrate the Fourth of July. The necessary committees were appointed and efforts will be made to have the biggest celebration ever held in the county.

All the red cedar trees in Seward county are dying from some parasite disease. Numberless hedges are dead. The nurseryman here reports the loss of 2,000 red cedars. The botanists at the State university have offered no remedy.

Seward county farm land still sells at highest prices. The Furnald fifty acres sold at \$150 per acre a short time ago, and last week Gnekow purchased the old McIntyre thirty acres, a short distance north of Seward, for \$133 per acre.

The 3-year-old son of Henry Muhle was drowned in Omaha creek, about ten miles northeast of Bancroft. Some of the older children were sent to the store nearby and the little fellow followed them and fell into the creek. The body was recovered.

The record for mortgages in Richardson county last week is as follows: real estate, filed twenty-eight, \$43,649, released twenty-seven, \$42,290,451; city property, filed, eight, \$3,531,25; released, seven, \$3,727; chattel, filed, \$16,300; released, \$37,788.46.

Hon. Edward A. Mann, whose appointment as associate justice of the New Mexico supreme court was made by the president, was until one year ago a resident of Gering, removing to New Mexico on account of his wife's health. He was prominent in republican politics.

The Cass county mortgage record for May is as follows: Amount of mortgages filed on farm property, \$37,975; amount released, 35,518. Amount of mortgages on city property, filed, \$4,550; released, \$7,991. Sixteen farm and eleven city mortgages were filed and fifteen farm and nineteen city mortgages were released.

Freight trains No. 63 and No. 110 of the Burlington came together at Dawson and did considerable damage to the rolling stock, though the speed was not insufficient to occasion loss of life. One engine went into the ditch and the other was just able to pull its train out with a badly battered pilot and other slight damage.

The annual report of the librarian of the public library at Grand Island shows a circulation of an average of ninety books per day, or over 27,000 for the year. The library has nearly 9,000 books, and an effort will be made, as soon as the new building is occupied and incidental expenses in connection therewith are out of the way, to increase the number to 10,000.

An affray at a boarding house at the stone quarries near Wymore promises to be fatal to one of the participants. Those engaged were all of them Bohemians. Brehm and Fraska were intoxicated and in this condition went to the boarding house, where they assaulted another laborer named Blaka, using a hammer and knives. Aside from being seriously beaten, Blaka is stabbed in several places with knives. It is not thought possible he can recover.

For having in his possession, contrary to the state game law, ninety-one catfish, John Hopkins of Dewitt, has been held in the sum of \$100 bail to appear for trial at the next term of district court by Justice E. D. Fay of Crete. In default of giving bond he was committed to the county jail.

For the purpose of perfecting the organization of the southern Nebraska fruit growers' association, a movement which has been under way for a year, a number of the representative fruit growers in that part of the state met in Tecumseh. Committees were named to take charge of the business at once and a second meeting will be held at an early day.

Steve Whittecar was arrested at his home in South Sioux City by Sheriff Hansen on a warrant sworn out in County Judge Elmers' court by County Attorney J. J. McAllister, charging him with assaulting his own daughter, Georgia, a child 13 years of age. Whittecar was brought to Dakota City and taken before Judge Elmers, who set his preliminary hearing for June 8 and fixed his bonds at \$1,000, which Whittecar being unable to furnish he was placed in jail.

At the meeting of the city council of Grand Island steps were taken toward procuring a new 2,000-gallon water pump for the city water works station. The competition will be open to the first meeting in July and the contract will be let the first meeting in August.

Miss Anna Mitchell, employed in the family of Thomas McClure, one mile north of Elk Creek, was bitten by a rattlesnake. A physician was summoned and it is not thought at this time that she is in very dangerous condition although she is very ill.